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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GOZ AND ZAIRE DELEGATION

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1. EMBASSY HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED EVIDENCE OF COMMUNICATIONS GAP WITHIN GOZ AND BETWEEN GOZ AND IPOTO AS BROUGHT TO LIGHT BY ZAIRE'S PROMISES AND PERFORMANCE IN CONNECTION WITH KHMER AND KOREAN QUESTIONS. IN BOTH CASES SPECIFIC ASSURANCES FROM MOBUTU ON ZAIRE'S ROLE AT UN DID NOT RESULT IN AS MUCH SUPPORT AS WE HAD BEEN LED TO EXPECT. IT APPEARS TO US THAT IN THE KHMER CASE THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A COMMUNICATIONS GAP WITHIN GOZ, WITH MOBUTU PERHAPS HAVING NEGLECTED TO GIVE APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO NGUZA IN TIME. IN KOREAN CASE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS GOZ ALLOWED IPOTO VERY LONG LEASH SO AS TO PERMIT HIM TO BEAT A RETREAT FROM PRO-NORTH KOREAN POSITION, WHICH HE PRESUMABLY ADOPTED ON HIS OWN FOLLOWING ALGIERS NONALIGNED CONFERENCE, WITHOUT HURTING ZAIRE'S PRESTIGE WITH NONALIGNED COUNTRIES.

2. WHILE RESULTS SMTEWHAT DISAPPOINTING IN BOTH CASES, THEY WERE PERHAPS AS GOOD AS COULD BE EXPECTED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. WE BELIEVE MOBUTU WILL CONTINUE TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS HIS FOREIGN POLICY ALLOWS WHEN WE PERSONALLY ASK FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN TTE UN, BUT MAKING SURE HIS UNDERTAKINGS ARE FOLLOWED BY PERFORMANCE IN NEW YORK WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE WATCHFULNESS ON PART OF USUN AND THIS EMBASSY.

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